

For Immediate Release
8:00 a.m. July 4, 2012

Fire Information Call Center: Closed July 4
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Seeley Fire Update

Fire Facts

Date started: Tuesday, 6/26/2012 5:30 a.m.	Number of personnel: 641 national resources
Location: 15 miles NW of Huntington, Utah	Equipment: 24 engines
Cause: Dry Lightning	Aircraft: 8 helicopters
Size: 40,385 acres (63.1 square miles)	Hand Crews: 14 (20-person each)
Percent contained: 15 %	Dozers: 2
Projected Spread: North and South	Water Tenders: 14
Management Strategy: Full Suppression	Estimated containment date: none
Injuries to date: none	Cost to date: \$3,161,892
Forecasted Weather: A moist trough of low pressure is developing over the area bringing an increased chance of erratic winds and possible dry lightning.	
Property threatened: Several evacuated communities, 250 residences, 15 commercial properties, 500 outbuildings, recreation facilities, guard stations, communication towers, utility lines, gas lines, coal mining facilities. Structure protection crews are in place. No structures have been lost on this fire.	

Tuesday's Fire Activity: Seeley Mountain on the southwest side has burned out, finishing the clean out of old fuel. One spot fire on the west side of Seeley Ridge is being monitored. It is not expected to move. Miller Canyon area had active fire behavior. Firefighters took advantage of favorable weather conditions and used direct attack on a section of fireline southeast of the mine in Section 24. The fireline was constructed in a formerly logged area. Fire moved about 1/8 of a mile to the north putting it about 1½ miles south of the community of Clear Creek. Dozer line was constructed in Finn Canyon from the pump house to a mine west of the community of Clear Creek. Fireline was constructed using the gas pipeline easement and access road and from Castle Valley ridge to the Consumer Road. This line is in preparation for burnouts planned for Wednesday in Bob Wright Canyon and west of Trough Springs Ridge. A small burnout operation was conducted Tuesday to secure an east side fireline. The southern fireline held and the risk to the community of Hiawatha continues to decline. A small patch of pine burning on

Gentry Mountain is being monitored. Higher elevation fuels continue to burn and produce smoke, visible from the valley, but are not expected to move.

Today: Weather conditions permitting, burnout operations will be executed, mainly on the northeast corner of the fire. Residents can expect to see smoke over the Bob Wright Canyon area. Burnout operations are also planned for the area west of Trough Springs Ridge. Structure protection is in place.

Closures/Evacuations/Advisories: Road closures include: SR-31 at Crandall Canyon and at Miller Flat, FS-014 from Miller Flat Road south to Potters Flat, SR-122 at junction of SR-10, SR-139W at the railroad tracks, SR-96 and SR-6, FR-150 south of Tucker Rest Area on SR-6. SR-264 at Flat Canyon Reservoir. Evacuation areas include: Electric Lake, Scofield, Clear Creek, Hiawatha and several youth camps. Carbon County Sheriff's office is coordinating escorted visits into evacuation areas for immediate needs. Please call 435-636-3746 for appointments.